

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on March 21, 2008. The Office Action is an election/restriction requirement.

First, the Patent Office requires Applicants to elect between one of seven groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1-8 and 17); Group II (Claims 9 and 12); Group III (Claims 10 and 18); Group IV (Claims 11 and 19); Group V (Claims 13 and 16); Group VI (Claims 14 and 20); and Group VII (Claims 15 and 21). Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-8 and 17) with traverse. In this regard, Applicants respectfully submit that the Patent Office's restriction requirement is not proper and, indeed, does not even comport with the Patent Office rules. For example, the Patent Office has failed to even indicate that any one of the groups would require a different search in different classes and/or subclasses than any of the other groups. Therefore, on its face, the election requirement does not seem proper as, apparently, the same art will be searched for each of the alleged inventions. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In addition, the Patent Office has set forth a detailed election of species requirement. Indeed, the election of species requirement is so detailed that it does not appear to be possible to reply to same. Once again, Applicants respectfully submit that the election of species requirement is not proper and does not comply with the Patent Office requirement. In fact, it is respectfully submitted that the election of species requirement, similar to the restriction requirement, has no basis in fact and indeed will only increase the workload for both the Patent Office and Applicants.

Regardless, Applicants elect, with traverse, carnitine in combination with an antioxidant. Also select hair for humans and as far as the composition, elect food and dietary supplement. To the extent that this response does not adequately respond to the election of species requirement, and the election of species requirement is maintained, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office contact Applicants' undersigned attorney. However, Applicants respectfully request that both the restriction requirement and election of species requirement be withdrawn.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims and species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

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